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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE, OTTAWA- PRENOTIFICATION OF
ADDITION OF AL AQSA FOUNDATION TO E.O. 13224 ASSET FREEZE
LIST

REF: STATE 137082

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1.5 (b and d).

¶1. (C) Post notified the GOC of reftel points on May 22. On May 28, the Department of Foreign Affairs notified us of the results of this morning's interagency meeting on possible responses to our demarche. The GOC has decided to add al Aqsa Foundation to the Criminal Code listing workplan for designation as a terrorist entity, a process that should take several months. Not only do entities listed under the Criminal Code face financial restrictions, it is also a criminal offence to provide a wide range of other assistance to listed entities. There are currently 26 individuals or entities listed under the Criminal Code.

¶2. (S) The GOC had confirmed earlier this week that there are no known al Aqsa Foundation assets in Canada, a major factor in its decision to proceed with the slower but thorough Criminal Code listing process.

¶3. (U) Note: The complete Criminal Code list is found on the GOC's Solicitor General web site (www.sgc.gc.ca). The complete list of entities and individuals designated as terrorist financers is available on the Office of the Supervisor of Financial Institutions (OSFI) web site at (www.osfi-bsif.gc.ca/eng/documents/advisories/docs/entstlp/xls). End note.
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